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November 8, 1955

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing copies of the several communications which the Commission and its officers have received from Senators and Congressmen relative to the location of the headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency, all of which were presented at the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Regional Planning Council which you attended last week.

Sincerely yours,

Harland Bartholomew
Chairman

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Committee on
Labor and Public Welfare

November 4, 1955

Honorable Richard Bartholomew, Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
Room 7013, Interior Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Prior commitments in my State unfortunately will prevent my attending the meeting of the Commission today. I understand that we may be called on to express our views concerning the site of a headquarters for the Central Intelligence Agency.

If this question arises, I ask to be recorded in favor of the Shirley Highway site. From my study of the matter, it seems clear that use of the Langley site will be far more expensive for the Federal Government and the District of Columbia; will destroy the scenic value of a potential park area; and will entirely change the character of the surrounding community. The alternative Shirley Highway site has none of these disadvantages, and to me appears clearly preferable.

With the best of wishes and the kindest of regards, I am, always,

Faithfully yours,

(signed) MATTHEW M. KELLY

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FOR THE NEW C I A BUILDING. I FEEL THAT THERE ARE LOCATIONS
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AND WHICH WOULD NOT NECESSITATE THE EXPENDITURE OF ADDITIONAL
SUMS FOR IMPROVEMENTS. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT FURTHER
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN THESE MARYLAND SITES.

J GLENN BEALL UNITED STATES SENATE.

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I UNDERSTAND THERE IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION TODAY THE
QUESTION OF THE LOCATION OF A NEW CIA BUILDING. THE PROPOSED
LOCATION AT LANGLEY SEEMS TO BE BAD PLANNING FROM THE STANDPOINT
OF TRAFFIC AND OTHER FACILITIES. I STRONGLY URGE YOUR EARNEST
CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SITES IN MARYLAND WHICH MEET REQUIREMENTS
OF GOOD PLANNING AND OFFER ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES-

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August 17, 1955

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Mr. Harland Bartholomew, Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
New Interior Building
Room 7013
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartholomew:

I realize that I am no expert on public buildings or architecture, however, since I do have a great deal of business with the different government departments in carrying out my duties as a Member of Congress, I certainly feel that it would be much more convenient for all parties concerned if the proposed C. I. A. building could be erected off the Shirley Highway in preference to the proposed site at Langley, Virginia.

I am giving you the benefit of my opinion on this subject, however, as stated above, I thoroughly realize that I am no expert on matters of this nature.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John L. McMillan, M. C.

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November 2, 1955

Hon. John Nolen, Director
National Capital Planning Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nolen:

I closely followed before the Appropriations Committee of the Senate the request of CIA for funds for its proposed new building, and I have likewise followed with interest the newspaper reports of the two Virginia sites now under consideration by the United States Government.

One of these proposed sites is near Langley, Virginia. A number of people in the community object to the location of the CIA building in the Langley area, I am informed.

The other proposed site is located on the Shirley Memorial Highway within the limits of the City of Alexandria. I am informed that the officials of the City of Alexandria and the property owners in the vicinity of the proposed Shirley Memorial Highway site are unanimous in their support of the selection of the Shirley Memorial Highway site.

Having in mind the obligation under Title 40, Sections 75 (b) etc. of the United States Code Annotated of the National Capital Regional Council and the National Capital Planning Commission to advise agencies of the United States Government with respect to site selections, it has occurred to me that it would appear to be appropriate for your Commission and the National Capital Regional Council to make recommendations in connection with the CIA site selection.

Should it be consistent with the legal functions of your Commission and should it be otherwise practicable, I will appreciate it if you will undertake to make available to me the recommendations of the National Capital Regional Council and the National Capital Planning Commission in the matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Everett M. Dirksen
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